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SUBJECT: US CUSTOMS OPERATION THUNDERBOLT

REF: BOGOTA 4325

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM U.S. CUSTOMS THAT OPERATION THUNDERBOLT IS IN EFFECT. OPERATION THUNDERBOLT IS DISTINCT FROM AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH "CUSTOMS PROGRAM FOR INTERDICTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ARRIVING BY VESSEL." LATTER IS SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE; INSTRUCTION LANGUAGE OF WHICH IS BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND CUSTOMS. THIS INSTRUCTION WILL SATISFY CONSIDERATIONS EMBASSY RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 4 (C) OF REFTEL; AND WILL BE SENT ASAR.

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2. OPERATION THUNDERBOLT ESSENTIALLY CONSISTS OF TWO

10 MAN TEAMS HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK WHICH ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO OTHER EAST COAST AND GULF PORTS TO ARGUMENT LOCAL STAFFS IN VESSEL SEARCHES. THE SEARCH TEAMS WILL CONCENTRATE ON ALL VESSELS ARRIVING IN THE US WHICH HAVE TOUCHED AT COLOMBIAN PORTS AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES WHEN INTELLIGENCE INDICATES A LIKELIHOOD OF NARCOTICS OR OTHER SMUGGLING.

3. EMBASSY MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE GOC AND DAS AUTHORITIES OF EXISTENCE OF OPERATION THUNDERBOLT. KISSINGER

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